



## Wednesday Night Service

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"One Nation Under God" & "Justice in the Kingdom"

Introduction: As we know, freedom is a critical building block in God's kingdom. For that reason, a major component in God's kingdom is true freedom that can only be found in Christ. In *Galatians 5:1*, it says "*Christ has made us free.*"

Over the years, we have seen the term "social justice." This term is used to describe attempts to spread freedom by eliminating injustice by promoting positive lifestyles. But over the years and as of recent, we have seen the term "social justice" become more and more complicated.

To avoid confusion, we will use the term "biblical justice." To understand biblical justice we always need to go to God's word.

### UNDERSTANDING JUSTICE

The concept of justice is intimately tied to God, who is the Ultimate Ruler of all things.

The only way we can understand whether something is just or unjust is by comparing it to God, who is perfectly just. It is who He is!

READ: *Deuteronomy 32:4*

This passage says "*God is without injustice.*" Therefore, He is the only One qualified to make laws and boundaries universally.

READ: *James 4:12*

This verse says "*that there is only one Lawgiver and Judge; He is the only righteous Judge.*" Because God is Sovereign (In Control) and Ruler over all; He is the only righteous Judge.

READ: *Leviticus 19:15-16*

This verse says it is not our place to seek justice. There is another verse that says "*Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.*"

READ: *Deuteronomy 16:18-20*

This verse says "*we are not to pervert justice; do not show partiality.*" Do we see partiality in our world today? How does this effect justice in our world?

READ: Psalm 111:7-8

This verse says "*Everything about God is justice.*" It is Who He is!

Tony Evans defines Biblical Justice this way: *The equitable and impartial application of the rule of God's moral law in society.*

So knowing this, we need to seek to apply God's law to our life. We operate unjustly and promote injustice when we deviate from God's word in our life!

Key: On a national level, governments around the world are supposed to serve as instruments of divine justice by impartially establishing, reflecting and applying God's standards of justice to society. But here is the problem: Our world and government have gotten away from God's standards over the years.

Key: The Bible is very clear that the reason for social disintegration and all kinds of immorality in our world can be traced back to people who have wrongfully removed spirituality from their every day lives.

READ: *II Chronicles 15:3-6*

According to this verse, do we see what was happening then, happening in our world today? In what ways? As we know: There are consequences to sin! Troubles come when people refuse to submit to Divine Authority. Our nation needs revival. We need to repent and turn back to God.

OUR GOD OF JUSTICE

Not only is God the standard by which we understand justice, He is the One who delivers justice. In *I Kings 3:28*, it says that God always does what is right. "*He is the one who administers justice.*"

*Zechariah 7:9* says we are to "*execute true justice.*" We know that God's justice is always right!

God is an active Deliverer and Defender of justice. The role of the church and individual Christians is to execute divine justice in the world as part of God's kingdom agenda. Scripture also encourages to seek justice on behalf of the poor, defenseless and oppressed.

READ: *James 2:15-16*

This verse says that we are to reach out and help those who are in need. It is our duty as Christians to do that.

READ: *Matthew 25:40*

According to this verse, when we help others to seek justice for others it is as if we are doing it for the Lord.

Key: Seeking Biblical Justice isn't just something we do or just a good idea; it is a command from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

READ: *Micah 6:8*

Christians "*do justice*" in a humble relationship with a just God as a natural reflection of His presence in our life. In other words, religion becomes authentic when it manifests in ministry to others in need.